

Term	Definition
Modal verb	A verb which shows how likely something is to happen. e.g. should, could, might, will We will go shopping.
Noun	A word that names something. scissors, tables, sky (common nouns) Paul, Roebuck Primary School, France (proper nouns) herd, swarm, army, shoal, pack (collective nouns) happiness, fear, dedication, responsibility (abstract nouns)
Object	The part of the sentence that the action of the verb is being done to. The dog ate the bone . The girl brushed her hair .
Passive voice	Sentences where the subject has something done to it . The tin was opened by the man.
Phrase	Part of a sentence without a verb. the tall man from across the road (noun phrase) beyond the city wall (prepositional phrase built round the preposition) beautifully green (adjectival phrase – built round the adjective)
Possessive pronoun	A pronoun which shows who owns something. her bag the coat is mine their pens
Prefix	Letters than can be put in front of a word to change its meaning. unlock defuse irrelevant insignificant imperfect
Preposition	A word that tells you how things are related. in, above, before, later, during, before, in front of
Pronoun	Words that can be used to replace nouns. I, you he, it
Relative clause	A type of subordinate clause which tells you more about the noun. The shoes, that I bought , are not comfortable. She's the girl who likes onions .
Relative pronoun	A pronoun that introduces a relative clause. who, which, that
Subject	The person or thing doing the verb. The children persuaded the teacher. The boy kicked the ball.
Subordinate clause	A clause which doesn't make sense on its own. While you were out , I watched television.
Suffix	Letters that can be put after a word to change its meaning. playful enjoyable hopeless struggling happily
Superlative adjective	An adjective which expresses the highest degree of something. largest, most gentle, angriest, quietest, most intelligent
Synonyms	Words that mean the same. large, big, massive, colossal, enormous
Verb	A doing or being word. I run he went you are she was